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1. AGATTACHE AND CHIZHOV MET FEBRUARY 25 TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE CURRENT STATUS OF TEAM VISITS AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. LETTER AND PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES MADE BY BOTH WORKING GROUPS WERE EXAMINED.

2. THE WORKING GROUP FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT VISIT TO THE US BEGINNING APRIL 7 IS NOW FIRM. THE SOVIET SIDE HAS AGAIN INDICATED AN INTEREST TO VISIT RESEARCH INSTITUTES IN THE US AFTER THE WORKING GROUP SESSIONS END. A LETTER WITH SOVIET RECOMMENDATIONS IS BEING POUCHED.

3. THE MAY 13-17 DATE FOR A MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND INFORMATION PROPOSED BY THE US SIDE AGREED TO IN RINCIPLE AND WE SHOULD WORK TOWARD MEETING THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE. AGENDA RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET SIDE BEING POUCHED.

4. THE SOVIET SIDE INDICATED THAT THE ABOVE WORKING GROUP
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WILL CONSIST OF SEVEN DELEGATES -- FOUR OF WHOM WOULD REMAIN

IN THE US 20 DAYS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO AGRIBUSINESS COMPLEXES AND THE REMAINING THREE MEMBERS WOULD REMAIN FOR ONLY 10 DAYS. A LETTER WITH PROPOSALS BY THE SOVIET SIDE BEING POUCHED.

5. THE POULTRY DELEGATION VISIT HAS CHANGED FROM THE TOFAS 24 POSITION. THE SOVIET SIDE NOW STATES THAT IT DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL POULTRY CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 24-26 UNLESS IT RECEIVES AN INVITATION FROM THE US SIDE. THE SHIFT IN THIS POSITION IS PROBABLY DUE TO A MISUNDERSTANDING IN OUR DISCUSSIONS AND TO THE FACT THAT THE SOVIETS ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO SEND ABOUT 50 DELEGATES TO THE WORLD POULTRY CONGRESS IN NEW ORLEANS, AUGUST 11-16. THE SOVIET SIDE THEREFORE DOES NOT FEEL THAT THERE IS AN URGENCY TO ATTEND THE U.S. NATIONAL POULTRY CONFERENCE, SPONSORED BY THE POULTRY AND EGG INSTITUTE.

6. WE PRESENTED THE US VIEW THAT IT WOULD SEEM TO BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE SOVIET SIDE TO SEE US TECHNOLOGY BEFORE A US TEAM VISITS THE USSR. THE SOVIET SIDE COULD THEN PLAN VISITS FOR THE US TEAM THAT ARE MORE IN CONCERT WITH THEIR AND US INTERESTS.

7. THE SOVIET SIDE AGREED THAT SPECIALISTS AND MANAGERS WOULD BENEFIT FROM OBSERVING US TECHNOLOGY BEFORE US EXPERTS VISIT THE USSR. IT WAS AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT VISITS TO POULTRY COMPLEXES COULD BE MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP FOR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AFTER THE SESSION IN MAY. HOWEVER IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THIS GROUP HAS A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTS -- FEED LOT, VEGETABLE, AND HORTICULTURAL COMPLEXES -- AND IS NOT EXCLUSIVELY INTERESTED IN POULTRY.

8. THE SOVIET SIDE SHOWED CONCERN THAT THE USSR TEAM VISIT TO THE US STUDY STANDARDS AND METHODS FOR TESTING AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE 1974 PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY BESHOR. ACCORDING TO THE SOVIET VERSION OF THE PROTOCOL SUCH A TEAM VISIT WAS SCHEDULED FOR 1974. A FILE COPY OF AN ENGLISH DRAFT IN ATTACHE OFFICE CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE VISIT OF THE SOVIET SIDE IS SCHEDULED FOR 1975. PLEASE CHECK THE ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN VERSIONS OF THE SIGNED PROTOCOL FOR POSSIBLE TYPING ERRORS. WHATEVER THE FINDINGS, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INFORM THE US SIDE THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE

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THIS VISIT IN 1974.

9. THE SOVIET SIDE ALSO PROPOSES THAT THE USSR TEAM TO STUDY TECHNOLOGY IN ANIMAL WASTES, SCHEDULED BY BESHOR FOR APRIL 1974, BE POSTPONED TO MAY OR JUNE 1974.

10. CHIZHOV REVIEWED THE LIST OF PROPOSED VISITS AND FORMAT SUBMITTED BY THE US SIDE AND EXPRESSED SOME PLEASURE, BUT NOT

FULL AGREEMENT. THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD LIKE THE US SIDE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC IN DESCRIBING PROJECT INTERETS AND OBJECTIVES, RATHER THAN JUST A LIST OF LOCATIONS. WE ARE ADVISING YOU OF THIS INTEREST SINCE IT WOULD MAKE PROGRAMMING EASIER FOR THE SOVIETS.

11. THE MEETINGS WITH CHIZHOV AND COLLEAGUES ARE INFORMAL AND A GOOD RAPPORT HAS DEVELOPED. WE USED THIS MEETING TO AGAIN POINT OUT THE DELAY BY THE SOVIET SIDE IN SUBMITTING THE ECONOMIC INFORMATION AGREED ON IN THE PROTOCOL -- PARTICULARLY THE MONTHLY DATA ON LIVESTOCK NUMBERS. WE ALSO REMINDED THE SOVIET SIDE THAT IT IS COMMITTED TO SUPPLY TRADE DATA AND THAT THIS DATA IS A CRITICAL PART OF OUR AGREEMENT.

12. CHIZHOV AGREED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WAS REMISS ON BOTH COUNTS, BUT STATED THAT THESE PROBLEMS COULD BE REVIEWED BY THE WORKING GROUP IN WASHINGTON. WE WILL HOWEVER CONTINUE TO ASK FOR THE INFORMATION.
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